Mrs Betty Perkins

She's Somewhere Around God's Throne

Sunrise
February 11, 1941

Sunset
July 2, 1995

Queen of Gospel

Tuesday, July 11, 1995
10:00 AM

Prayer Assembly Church of God In Christ
442 East El Segundo Boulevard
Los Angeles, California 90061

Elder Clevester Williams, Sr.
Officiant

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Evangelist Betty Clark - Pulpit Moderator

Processional
Final Viewing & Sealing of Bier

Prayer.....Elder Virgil Wilson

Scripture.....Elder Clevester Williams, Jr.

Solo ..... "I'll Live Again".....Miss Yolanda Perkins

Musical Selection..... Combined Choirs

Remarks ..... (Please limit to ***2 minutes only***)

Musical Selection..... Combined Choirs

Acknowledgements.....Ms. Erma Dean

Musical Selection.....The Gospel Crusaders

Precious Memories (Obituary) .....Please Read Silently

Sermonic Solo.....Ms. Dorothy Estes

Eulogy..... Elder Clevester Williams, Sr.

Recession

WHERE THERE IS LOVE

Love of my life,

I cannot find the words to express my love for you. The love and trust you have for me is equal to the love and respect I have for you.

The preacher voices my sentiments in Proverbs 31:10-31; *"Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies. The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil. She will do him good and no evil all the days of her life. She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands. She is like the merchants' ships; she bringeth her food from afar. She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens. She considereth a field, and buyeth it: with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard. She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms. She perceiveth that her merchandise is good: her candle goeth not out by night. She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff. She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy. She is not afraid of the snow for her household: for all her household are clothed with scarlet. She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing is silk and purple. Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land. She maketh fine linen, and selleth it; and delivereth girdles unto the merchant. Strength and honor are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come. She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness. She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her. Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all. Favor is deceitful, and beauty if vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates."*

Love,
Milton

The Mother of my life,

Mom, I love you with an endless love. No one will ever be able to replace the love you gave to me. I want you to know, I appreciate you seeing me through my 12 years of school, after school, and encouraging me to continue my education in college. When I decided to get married, you were right there for me during this change of my life; including my child rearing. Mom, I'm going to miss you very much. You were a great help to me, and you gave me the strength to carry on, no matter what people say. Mom, I love you; you will always be there with me until we meet again on the other side. I know you will always hold my hand and tell me to keep my head up and not look down because I am somebody. You shielded me and protected me -- that's why I will never leave you or forsake you!

Love you always, your oldest daughter,
Pamela Jean Perkins

From a buddy, to a buddy,

Mom, you will be missed tremendously by your middle daughter, Darlene. I appreciate God for allowing you to birth me into this world. And to be what I was, what I am, and what I'm going to be. Which is prosperous, and a holy woman, and surely, full of class and dignity that I have obtained in knowing you. I will not let you down mom. With God's help, and your 'upper room prayers' I shall be successful in the name of Jesus. I thank God for giving me the courage to do your hair and for preparing me for this day.

I love you mom,
Darlene

Hair design by Darlene Perkins-Riley

Proud to be your daughter,

Mother, there are no words to express how wonderful you are. You are not just a mother, but my very best friend! I can remember the many of days we laid in your bed and talked. You told me I could do anything if I put Jesus first. I thank God for allowing me the chance to be with the most gentlest, kind, and most loving person in the world. I can remember you saying when you would give me advice (a word - either you like it, or lump it). Your teaching will not go void. I'll miss you from being down here, but if I can live at least as half as godly as you did, I know I'll see you again singing for Jesus. Your baby, as you called me, Yolanda. I won't make you shame.

Love,
Betty Yolanda Perkins

PRECIOUS MEMORIES

Lord, we thank you for a loving wife, a beautiful mother, and a true friend to all who knew her. Betty Perkins was a special person because she was blessed with a gift from God, and she used that gift to touch the lives of others.

In Texarkana, Texas, Betty was born on February 11, 1941 to Albert, Sr. & Thelma Johnson. She began singing in the church at the age of five. In January of 1949, the Johnson family moved to Los Angeles, California. Betty is a graduate from Centennial High School in the city of Compton, California. The godly principles instilled in this servant led her to commit her life to Christ as a young woman.

On April 8, 1962, she married Milton Perkins. To this union three children were born: Pamela Jean, Cathy Darlene, and Betty Yolanda. She nurtured her family as a devoted housewife and mother.

She was a faithful and active member of Prayer Assembly Church of God In Christ, Elder Clevester Williams, Sr., Pastor. The Pastor and members of Prayer Assembly were inspired when she brought forth what God had given her to say, and her melodious voice as she sang under the anointing. Betty's love for God, zest for life, inspiration, encouragement, dedication, compassion and vast sense of humor will forever remain in our hearts.

Betty has been a part of many groups and choirs. In her teens she was a member of the Church of God In Christ State Youth Choir, Southern California, and one of the original members of The Gospel Crusaders. Shortly thereafter, she began working with Rev. James Cleveland and the Southern California Community Choir. She traveled extensively with The Gospel Crusaders, Rev. James Cleveland, Zubin Meta and the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra, The New York Philharmonic Orchestra, and Tel Aviv, Israel singing before thousands of people. she was the first African-American contralto to sing in Salt Lake City, Utah with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. She was a participant and recorded with the Gospel Workshop of America mass choir. Her busy schedule encompassed recording albums, television, and personal appearances.

Her accolades include an Academy Award for the Best Female Gospel Singer from The Gospel Workshop of America. She received outstanding recognition from the Los Angeles Sentinel; the New York Daily News; The New York Post; Record World; time Magazine; Peninsula News; Tel Aviv Today; Jerusalem Post; The Salt Lake Tribune; The Desert News, and Woman's Word Magazine.

The Bible says, "your gift will make room for you" and in Betty's life, it surely did. Her hearts desire was to sing praises and thanksgiving to God for the talent with which she was so richly endowed. Mr. Zubin Mehta of the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra, says of Betty, "*She generates true excitement and exaltation in her audience.*" She was set apart by reason of her electrifying voice to sing God's message to those who might not listen otherwise.

On Sunday, July 1st, the Lord promoted her from labor to reward. To cherish her Precious Memories is her devoted and beloved husband Elder Milton Perkins. Her daughters, Pam, Yolanda, and Darlene Riley (Lynn). Her brothers: Elder Albert, Jr., George, and Eddie. Her sisters: Minnie Cole and Doris Jeane Greene. Two sisters-in-law: Patricia and Vivian Johnson; two brothers-in-law: Elder Larry Greene and Elder Clifford Cole. Her grandchildren: Milton and Donaven LeBlanc; Veondra and Lynn Riley, II. Many nieces and nephews. A host of other family members and friends throughout the world.

ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

Elder Willard Hankins
Leo Crenshaw
Jack Edmonds
Kenneith Brown
Keith Johnson
Kenneth Perkins

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Dannell Greene
Dwaine Johnson
DeVonne Johnson
Eric Ford
Algernon Johnson
Byron Johnson
Christopher Johnson
Lynn Riley
Daniel Johnson
Fred Davis

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Interment
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